

PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 25, 2013

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 4:30 p.m. as was duly advertised. Council members in attendance were: President Alan Cassidy, Stan Goffinet, Steve Goodson, James Adams, Chet Mathena and Ron Crawford Sr. and Dianne Rudolph. Kevin Koelling, media representative from the Perry County News, was also present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Cheri Taylor, Executive Director of the Perry County Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting to give the county an update on all chamber activities. She explained the many ways they promote the community along with discussing the way the chamber provides networking and training on an annual basis. She also discussed how the chamber helps to promote small business in Perry County. She reviewed with the council members who the chamber board members are. She stated that if the council has any ideas for projects that the chamber could assist with in the county to please let her know. Cheri stated that any financial support that Perry County could provide would enable the Chamber to continue to provide all of their services.

ADDITIONAL SHERIFF'S DEPUTY

Jim Carter attended the meeting and provided the council members with supporting documentation showing that Perry County needs an additional Sheriff's Deputy. Jim stated that he has been working since last fall to find additional funds for Perry County. First he was working with the State of Indiana on the surplus money that was discovered last year, then he starting working with Federal Agencies, but at this time he has not had any luck in getting any funding for small counties. His handouts showed the number of square miles Perry County Deputies have to cover compared to the surrounding counties. He also showed the number of deputies several counties our size have and the number of citizens per deputy. His last chart showed the number of meth cases in Perry County compared to other counties. After some discussion, the county members agreed that another deputy is needed in Perry County, but at this time the funding is not available.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting on March 28, 2013 had been mailed to each council member for their review. Jim made a motion to approve the minutes, and Chet seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0 with Alan abstaining.

TRANSFER

The Perry County Highway Department requested the following transfers from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund: \$15,303 from Superintendent Salary to Part-Time Superintendent in the amount of \$12,610 and \$2,693 to Operation's Manager.

Steve made the motion to approve the request and Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

TRANSFER APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

CC-13-3

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM ONE MAJOR BUDGET CLASSIFICATION TO ANOTHER MAJOR BUDGET CLASSIFICATION IN THE FOLLOWING NAMED BUDGET; NOW THEREFORE:

SEC. 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PERRY COUNTY, PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS BE MADE IN THE FOLLOWING MADE BUDGET:

MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND

TRANSFER \$ 15,303.00

FROM: ACCOUNT #1176-530-1000.11
SUPERINTENDENT \$ 15,303.00

TO: ACCOUNT #1176-530-1000.18
OPERATIONS' MANAGER \$ 2,693.00

TO: ACCOUNT #1176-530-1000.19
PART – TIME SUPERINTENDENT \$ 12,610.00

WITHIN: PERRY COUNTY HIGHWAY BUDGET

ADOPTED THIS 25th DAY OF APRIL, 2013

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**ALAN CASSIDY /S/
STAN GOFFINET /S/
STEVE GOODSON /S/
JAMES K. ADAMS /S/
CHESTER MATHENA /S/
RON CRAWFORD SR. /S/
DIANNE RUDOLPH /S/**

**ATTEST:
CONNIE A. BERGER
PERRY COUNTY AUDITOR**

AMENDMENT TO SALARY ORDINANCE

The Perry County Highway Department had an amendment to the salary ordinance in order to pay the salaries that were just approved in the transfer request. The Part-Time Superintendent will be paid \$900.67 bi-weekly and the Operations Manager will be paid \$1,755.95 bi-weekly. Chet made the motion to amend the salary ordinance and Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE AMENDING EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL POLICY

County Auditor, Connie Berger, explained that it has been discovered that last year when the employee Personnel Policies Handbook was updated due to changes in State Law the County Council did not pass an Ordinance on these changes. The changes were all effective July 1, 2012 and involved Nepotism, Elective Officers and County Employment Restricted, and Contracting with the County. Jim made the motion to approve the ordinance and Chet seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0. (See Attachment "A" Ordinance O-C-13-1)

BORAD APPOINTMENT

Tell City Economic Development Commission – The council received a letter from William Borders asking to be reappointed to another 4 year term on the Tell City Economic Development Commission. Alan made the motion to approve the appointment and Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

ANNOUNCEMENT

County Council President, Alan Cassidy, announced that for personal reasons he would be resigning from the County Council as of April 30th. "I think it's best for me and best for the county and hopefully, we'll get somebody in here who'll be an asset to the county." Alan stated that he has enjoyed the past 18 years, and it was a learning experience. Over the years Alan has served on the AIC board of directors along with being president of the AIC. This gave him a chance to meet with and work with other elected officials from all 92 counties.

County Council members had the following comments:

Council member Stan Goffinet stated that he personally enjoyed working with Alan and learned a lot from him.

Council member Steve Goodson commented “I’d like to say thank you, Alan, for your years of dedication and service to the county. We are deeply going to miss you, your wealth of knowledge of county government, and the contacts that you have made with the state. You are going to be missed.”

Councilman Jim Adams noted as one of the newest council members he relied on others with more experience to bring him up to speed and that person was Alan. “He was a very good go-to person if you didn’t understand anything.” Jim stated that we are losing a very good person on the council.

Council member, Ron Crawford, asked Alan for his “18 years’ worth of notes” before urging the council and audience to give Alan a standing ovation.

“Alan happens to be not just a tremendous councilperson, but he’s a tremendous person. He’s been a good friend and he’s helped me these past seven years I’m going to miss him,” stated Council member, Chet Mathena.

Jim Adams stated that anybody who’s an elected official also has somebody in their life that’s behind them, and if it was not for them they wouldn’t be half the person or council person they are, and that big asset for Alan is his wife Sandy.

There being no further business to come before the council, Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alan seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0, with adjournment at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes approved this 30th day of May 2013.

President, Perry County Council

*Minutes prepared by:
Connie A. Berger, Perry County Auditor*